

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of
Mornington Communications Co-operative Limited
will be held at:

Perth East Recreation Complex
Wednesday May 2, 2007 - 8:00 sharp
(Registration begins at 7:30)

There will be an election of Directors with 1 three-year position and 1 one-year position. There will also be a discussion with members about the possibility of membership expansion.

In order to vote for a Director at the Annual General Meeting, you must be a member of the Co-operative and your account must be in good standing. Most accounts are not joint accounts, the name that appears on the telephone bill is the one who has the legal right to vote. If two names appear on the bill, either one of the two can vote, but only one name can vote. If you wish to change to a joint membership, you must complete a CHANGE OF MEMBERSHIP form prior to the annual meeting. These forms are available at the office.

Helping local families stay connected for generations...

KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

Staying connected to others has always been about communications. Since 1919, Mornington Communications has helped the Milverton, Millbank, Newton, Hesson, Brunner and surrounding rural residents keep close to far away family and friends with clear, dependable telephone service. We know there is nothing like a familiar voice in your ear to really warm the heart.

Today, we continue to help families stay connected with an expanding array of communication options. Mornington Communications now



*Keeping you connected
to family & friends!*

offers services including high speed DSL Internet, home & business security monitoring, cellular services, conferencing services, long distance, voice messaging and a full array of calling features. Though the technology changes, one thing remains the same - our longstanding commitment to maintaining strong relationships with the people of our community.

Do you have a question about our solutions for helping you stay connected to your work? Mornington Communications can help. Give us a call at 519 595-8331.

CO-OP NEWS AND TIDBITS



Thank you for all the applications we received for Mornington Communication's 2007 Annual Scholarship. Good Luck to everyone!

The recipients of the awards will be announced at the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 2, 2007 and will be published in the next edition of the Communicator.

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Corporate Milestones

To March 2007

Congratulations to :

Greg Fries

Plant Supervisor
20 years service

Crystal Lutz

Sales & Marketing Coordinator
6 years service

Doug Davidson

Outside Plant
4 years service

Did you know Mornington Communications...

- has 1791 co-operative members and has 2400 telephone lines in service.
- recently added IMPROVED High speed services in Hesson and Newton.
- provides high speed services with speeds of up to 4 Meg to over 90% of its service territory.
- last year donated \$30,000.00 back into the community by supporting our local schools, library, and hospitals.

Congratulations

to staff member Laura Hallahan and husband Jamie on the birth of their son, Callum James, born on December 3, 2006.



Watch for Team Cyg.Net at the **2007 Relay for Life** being held on June 1, 2007 in Stratford. We will be putting on our running shoes and walking in support of finding a cure for cancer. Last year our team raised \$900.00 and we hope to top that this year.



Daylight Saving Time begins earlier this year.

Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 am on Sunday March 11, 2007 and will end on the first Sunday in November.

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High Speed Services are NOW available in Newton and Hesson!

High Speed Internet Connection
Starting at

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Sign up today!

Call 519 595-8331 or visit our office.

EMERGENCY BACK UP PLAN

MAKE A CORDED TELEPHONE PART OF YOUR BACK UP PLAN!

When an emergency such as a winter storm, lightning storm or loss of power occurs are you prepared? One item to have is a corded telephone, since it does not require electricity and could be your back-up method of communications during and after a storm. It is important for you to know:

- Cordless phones require electricity and will not continue to work during a power outage.
- Cellular systems and towers are not required to provide back up power, so cell phones may not operate during a power outage either.



At Mornington Communications, we do everything possible to help you stay connected to your family, especially during a storm. Our facilities are underground, not aerial, reducing the chance of phone line damage. We have an excellent record of maintaining phone service for our customers despite adverse conditions. For safety's sake, we urge you to have at least one corded phone. Stop by our office to see a selection of corded telephones.



also offers a variety of long distance plans to help you keep your monthly phone costs to a minimum while keeping you connected to the people you care about the most! For details, visit us online at www.mornington.ca, stop by the office or call us at 519-595-8331.

ONE RATE LONG DISTANCE CALLING!

Do you have a long list of out-of-town friends and family? Do your long distance calls tend to last a long time? Then you will want to check out **ONE RATE Calling** from ALTO Long Distance. With ONE RATE Calling, call anytime you want and talk for as long as you want for only 7¢ per minute. ALTO Long Distance

WIRELESS NETWORKS

Is your Home Network leaving you exposed and vulnerable?



It is estimated that about 30 percent of today's homes and businesses are set up with a wireless network. It's also estimated that 75 percent of homes and small business wireless networks are left unguarded. This can leave your computer at risk, but worst of all, it can leave YOU at risk.

Many people setting up wireless home networks rush through the job to get their internet connectivity working as quickly as possible. That's totally understandable, but it's also quite risky as numerous security problems can result. Today's Wi-Fi products don't always help the

situation. These devices are designed to be easy to set up so that the typical person can have their wireless networks up and going with the greatest of ease.

Wireless networks add an extra level of security complexity compared to wired networks. Whereas wired networks send electrical signals through cable, wireless radio signals propagate through the air and are naturally easier to intercept. Signals from most wireless networks pass through exterior walls and into nearby streets or parking lots. These signals can be picked up as far as a mile away at times.

Using a laptop equipped with a wireless card, a passerby could easily connect to an unsecured wireless network and mooch off of an unsuspecting person's internet connection. Once inside, a drive-by moocher could theoretically do anything from viewing and downloading illegal content, to stealing personal and financial information, to downloading viruses onto a victim's computer. The average homeowner does not feel they have anything on their computer worth stealing. But what it comes down to is this: Bad guys may be using open wireless connections without you knowing. By allowing your wireless network to remain unsecured you are actually making it easier for them to commit crime.

Another form of using a person's unsecured wireless network and Internet connection is called Piggybacking. At one time, this was the exclusive domain of computer geeks and shady hackers cruising for unguarded networks. This is no longer the case as we are seeing ordinarily upstanding people tapping into nearby unsecured networks. You could be paying for your neighbours' internet service and not even know it. People can connect to unprotected computers to peer into files containing sensitive financial and personal information, release malicious viruses and worms that could do irreparable damage, use the computer as a launching pad of identity theft, or the uploading and downloading of inappropriate material.

The best case is that you end up giving somebody a free ride. The worst case is that someone can destroy your computer, take your files and do some really evil things with your network that gets you dragged into court.

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